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I want to applaud the FederalGovernmentâ??s settlement of the Microsoft case
and hope that the agreement willbe accepted by the Fed and the States.
Please use this as one vote to continue on the path that has been proposed
and let Microsoft get on with business.

It is my opinion that the competitors of Microsoft have continued stir the
pot and to encourage the remaining states that have not settled to ask for
more limitations. The continued litigation that these remaining groups are
attempting is causing confusion over Windows development for both third party
developers and users of Windows. Wasn't the example of the IBM case where
billions were wasted in trying to limit the size and power of a wealthy
Corporation enough to show that the market place will do in time what will be
done without Govt. Intervention?

It seems that this is a case of State Government attempting to squeeze a
successful Corporation for funds because the source of their usual funding
(Sales Tax) is drying up. What possible good can the States litigation do
for the consumers?

The Clinton Administration's insistence of following through with this
litigation has cost Technical stockholders a considerable amount in share
prices over the life of the litigation.   Additionally, the cost of the
actual litigation has had to be a very costly drain on Federal Govt and
Microsoftâ??s resources. It would seem that this effort would be better spent
getting bad guys rather than chasing one of our star Corporations in the
Technical world. Now to have the States trying to squeeze more from
Microsoft is only depressing the Tech market and innovation even more.

Please curb the Antitrust Division and stop these unnecessary probes of our
successful Corporations such as IBM, Microsoft, Intel, AOL, Cisco and AT&T.
Govt. should not be creating problems for our leading Tech Corporations that
have put America in the leading position in the Information Processing
Industry.